THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Expansion of Nuclear Facilities

4961. SHRI A.V I JAYA RAGHAVAN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether rapid expansion of nuclear facilities is affected by the regulations and requirements of the Nuclear Supplies Group (NSG);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the NSG regulations would affect the deal with Russia to construct two 1000 MW nuclear power plants at Kudankulam in Tamil Nadu;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether Government would permit "full safeguards" of nuclear installations under the aegis of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA);

(f) if so, the details thereof;

(g) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(h) the steps, if any, taken in tackling the restrictive NSG provisions ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Does not arise.

(g) There is no obligation for full scope safeguards on our indigenous nuclear programme. India has facility specific safeguards arrangement with IAEA for those nuclear power reactors which have foreign collaboration.

(h) India's view point on opening up of nuclear trade between NSG and India has been adequately articulated from time to time.